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Re: Molting of Layer Hens (docket 98P - 0203/CP)

Dear Mr. Jaffe:

I support the petition to ban the forced molting of layer hens. I have stopped eating eggs because of the cruelty to these animals, who have feelings just the same as all living creatures. And I encourage everyone I know to stop eating chicken and eggs. The meat industry must stop being so cruel, or they will find people not willing to buy their products.

Forced molting is so cruel that, in 1987, it was banned in Great Britain, and most European countries do not allow food deprivation for more than 24 hours.

We, in North America, need laws to protect these poor birds, and other food animals, because they suffer unspeakable pain, all in the name of profit. And people are beginning to realize this.

Sincerely,

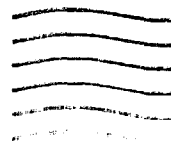
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